



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Santa Barbara City Firefighters will conduct live training fires**

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The Santa Barbara City Fire Department will be conducting a variety of training exercises in the structure at 512 Bath Street, between Haley and Cota Streets, starting at 12 noon on Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Thereafter, the exercises will take place daily between 9:00am and 4:00 pm and continue through the morning of January 16<sup>th</sup>.

This older 10 unit apartment building is scheduled to be demolished January 16<sup>th</sup> to make way for 54 new affordable apartments that will be developed, owned and operated by the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara. We would like to thank the Housing Authority for their cooperation in making this valuable training opportunity available to us. The ability to have access to a building such as this provides your local firefighters with the opportunity to train in a "real life" environment that we might encounter in our community.

On Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at noon, a briefing for City Council and the press will be held at the site on Bath Street. A Santa Barbara City Fire Department Public Information Officer will be available to answer any questions regarding this training exercise.

This type of training is essential to providing the Santa Barbara community with well-trained firefighters. The exercise will provide the opportunity for our personnel to enhance their skills in suppression activities and to work safely in a controlled environment for future fire and life safety needs.

The type of training that will be conducted will include live fire training, search and rescue, fire behavior, command and control principles.

Please note that smoke and flame may be visible from time to time. All precautions have been made for the safety and protection of surrounding properties and the environment. A variety of firefighting apparatus will be parked in the area of the period of the training listed above.

We sincerely hope this training does not cause any disruption of your normal activities. You are welcome to come by and observe our training. We will have Fire Department Public Information Officers at the site for any questions. Daily updates will be posted on the Santa Barbara City Fire Department Facebook page.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may call Santa Barbara City Public Information Officer Mike de Ponce @ #805-895-2913.

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